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CURRENT TOPICS

THE VILLING ACTS

A medical journal calls attention to the general neglect of sanitary and hygienic methods in the management of sleeping-cars. There are stringent regulations about the transportation of dead bodies in baggage-cars, but there is no adequate and systematic provision for protecting living travelers from exposure to infection, although many passengers must leave disease-producing germs in the bedding or upholstery.

It is customary to cleanse the blankets and cushions of dry dust and cinders by subjecting them to powerful currents of air, driven by steam, but it is said that they are seldom so thoroughly treated as to remove the danger of infection. Unless railroad authorities take prompt measures, it seems to be the duty of state boards of health to interfere for the safety of the traveling public.

This is only one case among many in which "new occasions teach new duties." Almost every invention or advance in modern life creates situations which require the fresh application of old, eternal principles. It requires the strong pressure of law or of public opinion to secure the adoption of new and needed methods, even when health, comfort and life are at risk. Only the nimble-minded can keep up with the incessant demands for readjustment.

A GREAT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

An "Ecumenical Conference" on foreign missions is to be held in New York, beginning April 21 and continuing until May 1. "Ecumenical," or world-embracing is a large word, but its use is justified by the fact that the conference will include representatives of the different Protestant denominations in all parts of the world. Nearly forty missionary societies are represented in the general committee, and it is expected that 2,000 delegates will be present. Among them will be missionaries from the more important foreign fields.

The chief purpose of the conference is to collect facts and compare methods. The reports, addresses and papers will be a treasury of missionary information for a long time to come. It is expected that the conference will stimulate interest in foreign missions among the churches and lead to a more generous support of them. In most of the denominations the gifts for the purpose, although large in the aggregate, are small in proportion to the membership. There are many would-be missionaries waiting to go out who cannot be sent for want of money to support them.

RUSSIA'S AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITY

From Kobe, Japan, is cabled the report that Russia and Japan are again at odds regarding the former power's insistent demand for a Korean port. Some time ago Japan prevented the cession of such a port to Russia. Referring to this controversy, the dispatch says that the question has been reopened by the admiral in charge of the Russian squadron at Port Arthur. The Kobe correspondent adds:

"This demand has accentuated the differences between Russia and Japan. The situation is serious, and there are frequent conferences between the Japanese ministry and the war office at Tokyo."

At the same time there comes from Sofia a cablegram announcing that the Bulgarian war minister has suddenly departed for St. Petersburg. It is believed at the Bulgarian capital that the war minister is engaged in "concluding a treaty with Russia defining the terms on which the Bulgarian seaport, Port Bourgas, is to be ceded to the government of the czar, and that the convention will provide for the union of the Bulgarian army with the Russian forces."

HOW TO LIVE A CENTURY.

"Old age depends upon heredity, common sense and a good stomach," asserts Dr. D. K. Pearson, in telling how to live a century. The heredity feature, of course, is something a man cannot acquire, so no rules can be laid down for that. Common sense is a gift to some people, may be acquired by some, and is impossible of attainment by others, but naturally the doctor is not talking for the born fools. The good stomach is closely allied to the common sense, and the rules laid down may be said to apply to both. It is common sense to cultivate a good stomach, so far as may be possible, and a good stomach is conducive to common sense. Thus we find that the stomach lies at the bottom of it all.

REPUBLICAN PARTY IS RENT ASUNDER.

In No Shape to Enter Upon a National Campaign, Its Leaders Now Freely Admit Near Absency at the Democratic Party.

(Washington Letter.)

Success of the fusionist forces in the coming campaign is conceded in Washington at present. President McKinley and his Republican congress are in a very gloomy state of mind.

They fail to satisfy the trust interests, whose dictation is responsible for many of their troubles, and the whole country is making its revolt against imperialism felt.

President McKinley changes his mind with every new shade of public opinion that presents itself. That pliability of his is very trying to his followers. Each one has a different story to tell when he comes from the White House.

The administration's immediate official family are not a source of comfort. Secretary Hay is said to be positively ill over his fiasco in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Secretary Gage is wondering if the Republican majority can shield him from further investigation of his deals with the Standard Oil bank. Secretary Root is in Cuba trying to persuade the Cubans to be good children and not bother the administration just now, and so it goes.

Without doubt the administration now wishes that it never whipped its followers into voting for a Puerto Rican tariff, and it certainly wishes it never heard of the Philippines.

Then, too, a wrathful delegation of Idaho miners, ex-prisoners of the "bull pen," went up to the White House the other day and told the president what they thought of his scheme of martial law in Idaho. His courteous manners and soothing remarks did not soothe these indignant citizens at all. They wanted to know what he proposed to do about it.

So really the president is not happy at the moment nor does he see great promise of re-election. It is significant of his depression that he no longer talks in high-sounding platitudes about his imperial mission.

The gloom from the White House affects congress too. The opposition have good reason to be cheerful. Their Republican colleagues are hoisted with their own petard, and if the sensation is not pleasant they have only themselves to thank.

The Republicans are so thoroughly disorganized that they are only thinking how quickly they can adjourn congress and get away from Washington.

Their lesson on the Puerto Rican tariff bill has not given them the courage to confess their error and come out and stand by the constitution. Their only notion of repairing the blunder is to pass a bill keeping Puerto Rico and the Philippines under military law, and then depend on inventing some explanation that will satisfy the people.

The failure of any legislation for the new possessions will not offend the trusts, for it will leave the Dingley duties in force. The Republicans are so tied up in trust control and so dependent upon them for the financial part of the coming campaign that they cannot stand out for principle and the rights of the people.

The opposition have a clean and consistent record from the beginning of congress. They have stood for the constitution and for the protection of the people against the trusts.

The Democrats pointed out some time ago that the popular sentiment was growing against imperialism and the trusts. It is useless to beat about the bush. The Republicans are in power and are going to be held responsible for every omission of duty as well as for the positive injury done along certain lines.

The table of our exports to the Philippines for the last seven months shows only a million and a half of dollars for the total. This is entirely for the army. In fact, not all of the supplies for the army are sent from this country. It costs about \$10,000,000 a month to carry on the war of subjugation in the Philippines. Every time you help pay the war taxes you can reflect that, even commercially considered, we get back about one dollar in ten that is expended. Spain used to sell Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines an aggregate of about \$40,000,000 in normal times. Our total trade to these islands falls far short of that even when we count the expenditure for our big army. This idea of trade following the troops seems to be a bit expensive.

Representative Fitzgerald has offered a resolution in congress calling attention to the enormous dividends paid by the Standard Oil trust, and suggesting an investigation of its methods. He submits that the retail price of oil has risen about 3 cents per gallon to the consumer recently. He might have added that in Idaho the trust charges 45 cents a gallon for the precious fluid. This Republican congress does not intend to encourage that sort of thing. It has pigeon-holed a half dozen resolutions by Representative Richardson, asking for information about trusts. It will be entirely satisfied if it can pass the ship subsidy bill, with its absurd prattle about not being for the benefit of a trust, and then let the whole question go over until after election. Under cover of Representative Ray's proposed constitutional amendment restraining trusts, the administration will wax eloquent and claim that it was waiting for permission from the people before disturbing such a big evil. It is more likely to get permission to go back to

Canton and stay in seclusion while Bryan and a Democratic congress show what legislation against trusts means.

"Militarism" is the one word with which a well-known official of organized labor sums up the policy of the Republican majority of the military committee which is investigating the application of martial law in Idaho.

The testimony shows that military power was applied in the most despotic fashion to innocent citizens. Representative Dick, who is the Republican leader in the national committee, is doing his best to so obscure the issues that the Republicans can evade responsibility on this question. Representative Lents, however, and his Democratic colleagues are bringing out startling and undeniable facts. No evasion of the issues will square the Republicans with the people on this matter.

JACKSON DAY.

"Plain Duty" Must Prevail.

The Philadelphia North American, commenting upon the opinion of President Schurman of Cornell university concerning our "plain duty" in Puerto Rico, says:

"It is his judgment that 'the American people will not tolerate any paltering with solemn obligations.' The Puerto Rican question has stirred to the depths the national heart and conscience, and legislation inspired by a breach of good faith will bring a terrible Nemesis."

This is Prof. Schurman's language: "We are bound to this course by solemn promises. The supreme and irresistible reason for removing all customs barriers between the United States and Puerto Rico is the promise made by Gen. Miles, when first landing American forces on the island, that the Puerto Ricans should enjoy the same rights and immunities as the people of the United States. On this understanding the Puerto Ricans accepted American sovereignty, not only without opposition, but with joyful trust and confidence. The present issue is simply this: Shall we repudiate, or shall we fulfill, the national engagements? Shall this great republic break faith with the little island of Puerto Rico? Having secured the fruits of Gen. Miles' promise, shall we now renounce the promise?"

Speaking from the record of the Republican party, so far as it has got, we probably shall renounce everything the trusts indicate.

A Trust Repressor.

The hugest joke of the year is the amendment to the bill for the ship subsidy which proposes to bring shipping trusts under the Sherman anti-trust law, by a declaration that the provisions of that law shall be "specifically applicable to the builder, owner, or either or both of them, of any vessel entering into any contract provided for by this act, and any such vessel is hereby declared to be property in the course of transportation within the intent of said law." Mark Hanna must have devised this scheme. Nobody else in the country would have the cheek to take up a law that has been utterly discredited, and shown not to be effective for repressing any kind of trusts, and offer it as a preventive for a new trust. To do to the people on that sort of a proposition is to rely on their lack of intelligence. If the republican party in congress have any desire to prevent a shipping trust from gobbling up the \$9,000,000 a year which this bill fishes from the pockets of the people, it could easily put an effective anti-trust provision in the bill instead of this ridiculous pretense of one. But it has no such purpose. The ship subsidy steal is for the special benefit of a trust. It is made to enable a trust to collect tribute from the people just as the provisions of the Dingley bill were prepared for that purpose.

—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Striking Coincidences.

This is an era of coincidences. Last December a bill looking to the final and permanent entrenchment of gold in this country was introduced at Washington, and on the same day "call money" commanded interest at the rate of 187 per cent a year in Wall street. Call money soars only when there is a stringency, and the more acute the stringency the higher it goes.

Last Tuesday the bill introduced in December passed congress with unimportant amendments; on Wednesday the president signed it, and on Thursday it was recognized as the law of the land. Coincidentally the local bank reserve was wiped out.

The news said recently that "call money will go higher." This is as certain as the final arrival of the oncoming equinox.

There is a stringent money market now, and it is likely to be more stringent before the refunding operations about to take place are consummated. The lesson is this, keep out of Wall street. Do not speculate.—New York News.

Don't Get Off.

Count Leo Tolstoy says that the rich are willing to do pretty much anything for the poor except get off their backs. This is illustrated beautifully by the course of this country toward Puerto Rico.—Cleveland Recorder.

On Call.

Republican congressmen hold their convictions subject to the call of the president.—Atlanta Constitution.

The secret of Elihu Root's appointment as secretary of war is out at last. He showed himself to be a brilliant strategist when he secured \$3,000,000 of the State Trust's money as attorney for an office boy who worked for \$15 a week.—New York News.

William B. Witham of Atlanta, Ga., is president of twenty-seven banks.

THE REPUBLICAN FINANCIAL POLICY.

That the national bankers are a favored class is made apparent by even the most cursory examination of their position. Under the new currency act they will be able to take out \$1,000 worth of notes for every \$1,000 worth of bonds that they deposit with the treasury, so that they practically will do business on the credit of the government alone. The money originally invested in the purchase of the bonds is again on hand in the shape of notes.

On the bonds deposited as security for the notes the bank receives interest, and the notes it loans out at interest also, so that on the money invested in the business double interest is received, thanks to the kindness of the government.

Were the government to issue its own notes direct to the people it would save the amount it pays to the banks as interest on the bonds, and it could even require the banks to pay it for the use of whatever notes they might need for their customers.

The only thing that makes the notes of the banks valuable is the guaranty of the government that they shall be redeemed, so that the banks are actually being paid for making use of something for which they ought to be obliged to pay. This is the Republican financial policy in a nutshell. A huge money trust is maintained at an enormous cost to the people without any corresponding benefit, but, on the contrary, with great danger to their liberties and their prosperity.—New York News.

"IT IS CONSUMMATED."

The gold-standard bill, which qualifies itself with a clause purporting to urge international bimetalism, passed the house of representatives yesterday by a vote of 166 to 120. It was the conference report, which had already passed the senate, that the house adopted. The gold standard, which Republicans have been claiming has been in actual operation since 1834, may now be said to be established beyond question. The Republican father of the financial measure, Mr. Overstreet, declared that there was absolutely no hope of international bimetalism after the passage of the bill. The banks have been conceding all they have requested, the creditor instead of the debtor may exercise the option as to the coin of payment, and the consolidated wealth of the country from April 1, 1900, can exercise more arbitrary power than any sovereign of the earth. "I demand the double standard," McKinley is about to give his assent to the most gigantic swindle of the American people that has been perpetrated since the days of Nicholas Biddle.—Buffalo Times.

Silver Not Dead.

The currency bill that has just passed congress fastens us to the financial system of the old world and subjects us to all the disturbances which affect them while it places the control of the volume of paper money in the hands of a bank trust, which will be as merciless to the people of this country as Weyler was to the reconcentrados. The fight for bimetalism at the ratio of 16 to 1 has not been lost. The increased production of gold has shown the advantage of more money and has answered the argument so often made that the party could not be maintained because of the overproduction of silver. The fight against bank-note circulation will grow stronger as the big banks swallow up the little ones, and as the people learn that a permanent national bank-note circulation, secured as at present, necessitates a permanent and increasing national debt.—William J. Bryan.

"A Debased Currency."

The following item is traveling about among the newspapers, presumably to show our manufacturing genius: "Over fifty kinds of woods are used to manufacture paper, besides banana skins, bean stalks, pea vines, cocoon fiber, clover and timothy hay, freshwater weeds, sea weeds, and over 150 kinds of grasses; also hair, fur, wool, asbestos, hop plants, weeds, husks and stems of Indian corn, all kinds of moss, sawdust, shavings, thistle, thistle-down and tobacco stalks." Think of all this rotten stuff converted into bank notes redeemable in gold coin, while silver is rejected as a dismal horror!

The Men to Blame.

The temperance sentiment of this country has been greatly stirred up by the reports of the enormous amount of intoxication in the Philippines since the army went there; and members of congress are said to be flooded with petitions and remonstrances on the subject. But so long as the Philippines are under martial law these documents should be addressed to President McKinley, as commander-in-chief of the army and navy, for only the military authorities can regulate or suppress the sale of intoxicants in the islands under their control.—Albany Argus.

We are sagely told that the administration wants the French reciprocity treaty to become law. Then why does not it send for the congressional managers and threaten them as it did in the Puerto Rican tariff case? It has the power of coercion, which is better than a constitutional right, because it is one capable of being respected under a Republican administration.—Washington Times.

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